

very anxious to proceed. He feared a ship days' quarantine at Singapore, and was afraid that he might arrive in Hongkong on the 14th of May, should the *British* *Stanza* be at all delayed, the Russian Government has arranged to send a ship to Alexandria so that the *Italo-Hungarian* may go to Moscow by way of the Black Sea—*Strait Times*.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW OF THE CHINESE COUNCIL OF COMMERCE INCIDENT.

The *Peking* and *Tientsin* *Times* say:—
Flattered indeed, the Hongkong Controversy, the *Daily* *Press*, has an excellent leader on some casual remarks we made in this column some weeks ago about the presence of Chinese officials at the laying of the foundation stone ceremony, the *Chinese* *Chamber* of Commerce. Some sceptical articles ever influence men's opinions, that both are absolutely thrown away and are useless in the domain of reason. We are glad to confer ourselves as an exception to this. Our contemporary's weighty statement of facts, not before known to us, has converted us. Colonel Chan, the best selected official on the occasion, has been censured by his own higher officials and cautioned about repeating the offence. This course was due to the indignation of H. M. Government in Hongkong. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce points out the danger of these innovations, that they give some colour to the insistent assertion of some Southern officials, viz., that Hongkong is an island, granted temporarily to the foreigner for the purpose of trade, that the British hold it by more grace of the Colonial Emperor, that their sovereignty is not complete. We are altogether with the *Daily* *Press* in taboing every thing which could possibly countenance so preposterous a signment.

NEWS VIA AUSTRALIA.

London, 16th March.
Six hundred and forty-eight Italians are prisoners in the hands of the Shoa.

King Menelik has ordered the Italian garrison at Adigat to evacuate the town with all the honours of war.

King Menelik stipulates that Tigre, the northern division of Abyssinia, shall be independent of Italy. The Italian population present the conditions set forth by the Abyssinians.

It is reported that Russia has sent an embassy to King Menelik, conveying the Emperor's desire to mediate between Italy and Abyssinia.

It is understood that the Convention which the Italian Premier, the Marquis di Rudini, is negotiating with King Menelik, will not affect future events in Abyssinia.

The *Star* of Russia has decorated King Menelik of Abyssinia.

In addition to the North Staffordshire regiment, now proceeding up the Nile to Wady Halfa, a camel corps and a battery of Maxim guns is also starting at once.

Ten steamers have arrived at Wady Halfa with material for the extension of the railway along the Nile from Cairo to Khartoum.

The entire British and Egyptian forces will, it is arranged, assemble on April 1st. It is expected, though it is not yet definitely settled, that General Sir Herbert Kitchener, leader of the Egyptian force, will have command of the expedition, and that Major General Buller will command the second division, and Major General Hunter the third.

The Khedive, Abbas Fasha, is greatly interested in the march of the troops, and in the course which events are taking.

London, 17th March.
The Dongola expedition gave rise to a debate in the House of Commons, last night.

The Hon. George Murray, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the expedition was at work in Africa, which if not checked might prove dangerous to the peace of Europe.

Mr. William Harcourt said that he would not oppose the expedition if it were limited to its object and were intended merely to avert immediate danger. But if it was to be regarded as the initiation of a policy for reconquering the Sudan, the Opposition would most steadfastly oppose it.

Mr. Balfour said that Great Britain had the most profound sympathy with Italy in the service which had been rendered to her in Abyssinia. The Sudan, he declared, was under the worst rule in the world. It was impossible to consider a more beneficial change than to transfer it to British hands.

The *Times* has expressed its approval of a dual forward policy in the Sudan.

The *Novae Venetia*, a well-known Russian journal, regards the expedition as implying the intention of Great Britain to reconquer the Sudan. It considers also that it will have the effect of indefinitely postponing the settlement of the Egyptian question.

London, 17th March.
By a powder explosion on board the Italian steamer *Mateo*, which occurred near Bona, the west coast of Africa, the vessel was destroyed and forty lives were lost. The officers were saved.

The Portuguese Government has decided to expend at once £400,000 on new warships.

A disastrous snowstorm in reported from the district of Orel, in Central Russia; 150 persons perished in the storm.

London, 17th March.
A committee of the United States House of Representatives has recommended the passing of a bill to prohibit the immigration of Chinese not possessing an American Consul's certificate as to their identity.

The Naval Committee of the United States House of Representatives has recommended the building of four additional battleships.

Mr. Herbert Whitney, the member for Ashton-under-Lyne, has moved a resolution in the House of Commons to the effect that the Government should endeavour to secure the world's agreement to a peace treaty between gold and silver.

Mr. Goschen, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the Government would not abandon the present gold standard, although they were willing to consider the question, however, there was a very remote prospect of an international agreement on the subject being arrived at.

Mr. Balfour, although himself a biennialist, said that he was of opinion that it was important to force currency reform on the bankers, who distrusted the proposed change.

London, 17th March.
President Kruger has retained Sir George Lewis and Sir R. T. Reid, C.M.P., to watch the proceedings on his behalf in the charge against Dr. Jameson of having committed an offence under the Foreign Enlistment Act.

London, 18th March.
Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, continues to parley with President Kruger with regard to the question of the charter of the British South Africa Company. He refuses to modify article IV, but his decision to control the police and military forces of the Company has largely removed the objection to the continuation of the charter.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies yesterday the Premier, the Marquis di Rudini, stated that General Baldissera, the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in Abyssinia, had been instructed to evacuate the town of Mekele, which Italy did not desire to hold the province of Tigre, or to make Abyssinia an Italian protectorate. He asked for a credit of 140,000,000 lire (£25,000,000) for the expedition.

The Senate has passed a resolution thanking the British Parliament for the sympathy expressed by that body for Italy.

London, 18th March.
In the Italian Chamber of Deputies yesterday, the Premier, the Marquis di Rudini, made a statement regarding the attitude of the Government in regard to the question of the charter of the British South Africa Company. He declared their intention to secure for Italy a strong and durable position in Africa. They were also determined to restore the prestige of the Italian arms. They were, he added, resolved to adhere to the argument of the Triple Alliance.

The *Cairo* correspondent of the *Times* expresses the opinion that Indian troops would prove more suitable for the expedition than British, owing to the extreme heat which will have to be encountered.

Slatin Pasha, whose local knowledge of the Sudan is very extensive, will join the expedition.

London, 18th March.
The Anglo-Egyptian expedition against the Derwishes continues to excite much interest in political circles.

In connection with the disposition of the troops, it is stated that a reserve force consisting

of three battalions will be stationed between Wady Halfa and Akabab.
It is reported that owing to the lateness of the Nile, the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, Viscount Wolseley, has advised that the expedition should not advance beyond Akabab until September.

In answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. George Curzon, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that Her Majesty's Government was not pledged to Italy in regard to relieving Kassala from investment by the Derwishes.

London, 18th March.
Information has been received regarding the movements of the Derwishes in the Sudan. An army of 10,000 men is at Dongola, and 2,000 picked warriors are within 100 miles of the Egyptian frontier. There are also Derwishes at Mursi Wells.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Dardanus*, from Amoy 18th April, had variable winds and fog.

The German steamer *Dorothea Richwiler*, from Mopi 10th April, had dense fog during all the voyage.

The British steamer *Chrysomel*, from Wuhu and Chinkiang 10th April, had foggy weather and light wind from port to port.

The British steamer *Nansong*, from Singapore 8th April, had light N.E. winds and fine weather to Cape Padaran; fresh S.E. winds and moderate sea to lat. 20° N.; light winds and heavy weather from there to port.

VESSELS PASSED ANKER.

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Shanghai.	30.04	81	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.06	80	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.07	81	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.08	82	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.09	83	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.10	84	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.11	85	W	80	W	3	0	0	
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Shanghai.	30.13	87	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.14	88	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.15	89	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.16	90	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.17	91	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.18	92	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.19	93	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.20	94	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.21	95	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.22	96	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.23	97	W	80	W	3	0	0	
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Shanghai.	30.13	87	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.14	88	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.15	89	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.16	90	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.17	91	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.18	92	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.19	93	W	80	W	3	0	0	
Shanghai.	30.20	94	W	80	W	3	0	0	
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE. THE Company's Steamship

"CANPA" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the office of the Underwriters before Noon on the 20th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 16th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th inst. will be subject to risk.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISSE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1896. [914]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"SACHSEN." The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given TO-DAY, before Noon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to risk.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. The 19th inst. or they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MELOCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1896. [917]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ARRATON APCAR." The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 15th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Limited, Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1896. [942]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUVA, JEDDAH, SUKUM, MASSA, WAH, HOEDDA, ADEN, KUEKA, CHIE, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

"MAHIA VALERIE" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This vessel brings on Cargo:— From Calcutta, ex ss. *Asylea*, transhipped at Colombo.

From Trieste, ex ss. *Imperator*, transhipped at Bombay.

From Venice, ex ss. *Messimiano*, transhipped at Trieste.

From Yanco, ex ss. *Carlotto*, transhipped at Port Said.

Optional Cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the undersigned before Noon on the 20th inst. or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 20th inst. will be subject to risk.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1896. [915]

STEAMSHIP "SYDNEY."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex ss. *Ortega*, from Bordeaux, ex ss. *Ville de*, in connection with the above steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon on the 14th inst., regarding it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after TUESDAY, the 21st inst. at Noon, will be subject to freight and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 21st inst. or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 21st inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Agents, C. TOURNAIRE, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1896. [916]

"PINILLOS" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LIVERPOOL, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, SANTANDER, CADIZ, AND MANILA.

"PIO IX." The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to risk.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 28th inst. otherwise they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst. at 11 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1896. [956]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM LONDON, ANTWERP, AND STRAITS.

"HARROW." The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the Underwriters before Noon on the 20th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 16th inst. at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 16th inst. will be subject to risk.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1896. [981]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship

"DARDANUS." Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 10th inst. at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1896. [640]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to Red Sea Ports, Mediterranean and Black Sea Ports.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DOROTHEA RICKMERS." Captain Pape, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 11th inst.

For Freight apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1896. [901]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Chartered Steamship

"ORONO." Captain Hancock, will be despatched for the Port on or about TO-MORROW, the 11th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1896. [945]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHANGSHA." Captain Williams, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 21st inst. at 3 p.m.

The steamer is in connection with the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A fully qualified Surgeon is carried, and the vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1896. [937]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,

MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

BREDA (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) SATURDAY, April 12, 1896, at Noon.

CORPIS (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) WEDNESDAY, May 13, 1896, at Noon.

GALIC (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) SATURDAY, May 30, 1896, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "BELGIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, AND YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 21st inst. at Noon.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point on route.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until Five p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 9th April, 1896. [914]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.L.I. American Ship

"GERARD K. TOBEY." Captain Shurtell, shortly expected, will load here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYERSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1896. [941]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.

VESSEL'S NAME.

FLAG & REG.

CAPTAIN.

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